# AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW

# CHANGES MADE

Amend the following paragraph(s):

[0044]       -- The diagram of FIG. 6 shows a window of a screen display of an engineering program for selecting messages from a message selection table TAB for a data message between two components of an automation system. A message for a slave can be selected in the toolbar icon configuration CON. A selectable message can be, for example, a standard message StT2 or a user-defined message ATE generated according to the present invention. In a column "Axis" Asp, wherein the term axis in the table displayed in Fig. 6 it is also to be understood as referring to an object, the following rows are provided for objects. A second column Tsp allows message selection for a first object Obj1. A table (not shown) for selecting a message can be addressed by a selection arrow AP. The selected messages StT1, StT2, StT3, ... , StT5, ATE for the objects Obj1, Obj2, Obj3, ... , Obj5, etc. of a component for a master-slave combination MSK are shown in the second column Tsp of Fig. 6. The standard messages StT1, StT2, StT3, .... of the selected messages relate to the content of the conventional standard messages.    According to the invention, the content of several conventional data messages is merged into a flexibly configurable data message. For example, since the content of the standard messages StT1 and StT2 depicted in Fig. 1 relates to axes, the objects Obj1 and Obj2 are axis objects and the axis is a sub-component.--.

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